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## THE CONVENTION.

The returns thus far received from the election of Tuesday bear out the opinion expressed in these columns on Wednesday that the democrats will have a majority in the constitutional convention. A conservative estimate gives the democrats thirty-nine members of the convention, with two independents; showing a majority for the democrats of three over all. Not enough returns have been received to enable a clear judgment to be formed of the relative strength of the two parties on the popular vote. The cases in which party lines were wholly ignored, and where considerations of fitness had far more to do with the outcome than politics. If, for example, the democrats had elected but one delegate from the eighteenth district as seemed probable, it would have been because of the personal unpopularity of one of the nominees.

Reports from Madison county, while very meager, give ground for the supposition that the democrats have elected two delegates there, and in the eighteenth district (Missoula county) it is probable that Rickford and Rasmussen, democrats, are both elected, although the latter (Missoula) district will be represented by one democrat, one republican and one independent. The latter, Mr. Halston, has hitherto affiliated with the democrats, and on strictly party issues Mr. Brown, the representative of the labor element in the Wickes district, would probably act with the democrats. The result in Beaverhead county is still in doubt, but the probability is the delegation will be composed of Messrs. Klippenberg and Witter, republicans, and Smith, democrat. Fergus county has not been heard from beyond one of two isolated precincts; its representation will probably be two republicans and one democrat.

## PERSONS AND THINGS.

The Southern stove manufacturers have formed a trust. Many new sugar factories will be started in Kansas this year. There are five banks and six newspapers in operation in Guthrie, Oklahoma. A party of Boston capitalists invested, in two days, \$1,000,000 at Helena, Texas. In the way of geology and mineralogy Nebraska is reported to be the richest spot in America.

## A paper at Fort Myers, Fla., publishes

seven solid columns of tax and one column alone.

A party of eastern capitalists will expend \$15,000 exploring for natural gas in

Stark and Marshall counties, Ind.

New York World. President Harrison, above all of his predecessors, has comprehended the "relative" value of his office.

Miss Sybil Sanderson, of San Francisco, has scored a success as the prima donna in the opera company, Massenet says of her: "Her voice is that of a nightingale, her beauty that of a goddess."

The forestry congress has presented a memorial to President Harrison asking that \$50,000,000 worth of timber have been sold during the past year.

The factors are based on the general land office records, and only include reported sales.

Lighting acted strangely in a Michigan town (La. barn). One large store next to the wall was found dead, the next without a hair singed, while the fourth was killed outright. Then it crossed the entry and performed the same feat, the next the wall and the third one being killed.

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effectively repealed by the course of executive officers as in its application to lead, the provision regarding the free admission of lead bearing a certain proportion of the precious metals being so applied as to practically make lead free. The east has been the chief beneficiary of the tariff, and it has not yet occurred to the treasury officials to strain the law so as to admit pig iron free. It is time the government paid some attention to the interests of the west as well as to those of the east. The time is not ripe for the repeal of the duties on free raw materials.

## COUNCILMAN KENNEDY takes his defeat

in the race for the constitutional convention with cheerful fortitude, and promises that the result shall be to the advantage of the readers of his bright little paper, the Boulder Age, for whom means, he says, more attention and energy upon the columns of the Age and not so much for the possible benefit of the public generally. There should also be more reward for the editor, who has the ability to make his paper a power in shaping public opinion in his county and in the future state of Montana.

The administration will not be doing all its duty in the case of the United States marshals who took advantage of their official positions to procure the speculative entry of government lands in Oklahoma by merely demanding their accounts of the business. Doubtless Messrs. Jones and Needles can frame satisfactory reports to the interior department if they are permitted to try often enough; but there are other modes of getting at the facts than waiting for the culprit to confess.

This opinion appears to be entertained that the appointment of so many west-

sideers to office by the national administration is a neat little scheme to take them out of the race for nominations for state offices. The appointment of Capt. Mills to the position of collector of internal revenue is generally thought to mean that he has been induced to relinquish any ambition he may have entertained to become the first governor of the new state.

The denial of the application of Dr. James for a writ of mandamus upon the board of medical examiners, yesterday, to grant him a license without the payment of the fee of \$15 required by law, is virtually an affirmation by the district court, Chief Justice Blake presiding, of the validity of the medical practice act. The application for a writ was made to test the right of the board to withhold a license, and appears to have been in the nature of a friendly suit.

The importance of purifying the blood can not be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health.

At this season nearly every one needs a medicine to purify, invigorate, cleanse the blood, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is worth your confidence. It is peculiar in that it strengthens and builds up the system, opens the appetite, and tones the digestion. It is a radical disease. Give it a trial.

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One gray brand brand (4) on left shoulder, also brand on right shoulder (day horse shoe). Owner can have same by calling at our ranch on Big Hole River, proving property and paying cash.

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Also will make special trips to name points on the river, leaving Helena on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the navigable season.

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## SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Use Syrup of Figs for Constipation.

## THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

New York, May 16.—Bar silver, 92 1/2.

Copper-Dull, lake, May, 21 1/2.

Lead—Weak, domestic, 8 1/2.

The stock market was more active to-day than very pronounced, and the advances scored were more important than at any time during the continuance of the present rise. The contest in Oregon Transcontinental was continued today, sales for cash commanding a premium of 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. New England the weak point on the list and toward the close it reacted sharply, dropping about 1/4 from its best figure. Cotton oil rose nearly 1/2 and Pullman also showed new life and regained most of its late losses; but other securities did not show any marked features. Government bonds dull and steady.

Petroleum opened steady at 80 1/2, closing firm at 81.

Government bonds, 4s, 107 1/2; 4 1/2s, 108 1/2; 5s, 109 1/2; 6s, 110 1/2; 7s, 111 1/2; 8s, 112 1/2; 9s, 113 1/2; 10s, 114 1/2; 11s, 115 1/2; 12s, 116 1/2; 13s, 117 1/2; 14s, 118 1/2; 15s, 119 1/2; 16s, 120 1/2; 17s, 121 1/2; 18s, 122 1/2; 19s, 123 1/2; 20s, 124 1/2; 21s, 125 1/2; 22s, 126 1/2; 23s, 127 1/2; 24s, 128 1/2; 25s, 129 1/2; 26s, 130 1/2; 27s, 131 1/2; 28s, 132 1/2; 29s, 133 1/2; 30s, 134 1/2; 31s, 135 1/2; 32s, 136 1/2; 33s, 137 1/2; 34s, 138 1/2; 35s, 139 1/2; 36s, 140 1/2; 37s, 141 1/2; 38s, 142 1/2; 39s, 143 1/2; 40s, 144 1/2; 41s, 145 1/2; 42s, 146 1/2; 43s, 147 1/2; 44s, 148 1/2; 45s, 149 1/2; 46s, 150 1/2; 47s, 151 1/2; 48s, 152 1/2; 49s, 153 1/2; 50s, 154 1/2; 51s, 155 1/2; 52s, 156 1/2; 53s, 157 1/2; 54s, 158 1/2; 55s, 159 1/2; 56s, 160 1/2; 57s, 161 1/2; 58s, 162 1/2; 59s, 163 1/2; 60s, 164 1/2; 61s, 165 1/2; 62s, 166 1/2; 63s, 167 1/2; 64s, 168 1/2; 65s, 169 1/2; 66s, 170 1/2; 67s, 171 1/2; 68s, 172 1/2; 69s, 173 1/2; 70s, 174 1/2; 71s, 175 1/2; 72s, 176 1/2; 73s, 177 1/2; 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